

Utah County forms a service district for Soldier Summit

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PROVO — Utah County commissioners established a special service district Monday for what used to be the town of Soldier Summit.

The district will provide fire protection, police, water and other municipal services to the community. Services will be paid for by Soldier Summit property owners.

One representative each from Wasatch County, Utah County and Soldier Summit will sit on the service district board. Utah County will handle any legal problems.

The small community, which straddles the Utah-Wasatch county line at the top of Spanish Fork Canyon, was erased from Utah's books as an incorporated town last month.

With only a handful of people living in the town, Utah County initiated the disincorporation several months ago.

Wasatch County agreed to the disincorporation and will hold a hearing within the next 30 days on establishing the district.

The town of Soldier Summit annexed 4,000 acres in Utah County several years ago when a developer had plans to build a recreation area.

That project was never started. But Utah County officials were worried that development in the annexed area would occur without proper planning.

"Our biggest fear was quality control," Deputy Utah County Attorney Guy Burningham said. "Now that some of those lots are back in the county, we can have some say about how they are developed."

Burningham said county engineers and planners will now have to approve everything from the sewer systems to the type of roads in any new development on the Utah County side of Soldier Summit.

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Judges Glen E. Clark and John H. Allen are continuing to hear cases despite the concerns of William Foley, director of the U.S. Judicial Conference, that some provisions in the new law may be unconstitutional.

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Foley's concerns center on portions of the law calling for retroactive appointment of judges who served before the law was passed. He said the law could have avoided the constitutional pitfalls simply by providing for the re-appointment of the judges rather than making their appointment retroactive.

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Foley suggested bankruptcy judges be temporarily appointed as federal magistrates until the constitutional questions are cleared up. But magistrates can only make recommendations to the federal court and cannot decide cases by themselves.

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Utah Bankruptcy Clerk Robert M. Wily said Utah's federal judges have taken the position that Foley's recommendations are not binding.

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